(c) how many industries have been set up on the basis of these licences and letters of intent; and

(d) what is the time-frame within which these industries are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A total number of 107 Industrial Licences were sanctioned during the year 1986, 1987 and 1988 for setting up of industries in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Details of the licences including location are being published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'monthly Newsletter', Copies, of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly. The information pertaining to cost estimates/invesment of industries is not being centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) The monitoring of the progress of implementation of letters of intent/industrial licences is done by the concerned State Government and the Ministry/Department administratively concerned with the industry in question in the Central Government. Under the existing procedure, a letter of intent is granted for an initial period of three years to enable the entrepreneur to take effective steps towards the implementation of the project. After the entrepreneur has fulfilled all the conditions of the letter of intent, the same is converted into an industrial licence.

The initial validity period of the industrial licence is two years within which the licensee is expected to commence commercial production. Extension(s) in the validity period of the Industrial Licence are granted on merits. It generally takes about four to five years for an industrial project to fructify. Gestation period however, varies from industry to industry. As such the above industrial licences would be at various stages of implementation.

Shortage of life saving drugs in the capital

1421. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of life saving drugs in the capital at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the names of the drugs which are in short supply in the capital; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to make available these life saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (d) This Ministry regularly monitors the availability of life saving drugs, based on periodical reports of State Drug Controllers. As per information available there is no acute shortage of life saving drugs in the capital except 'Blood products derived from human blood'. Shortages reported are of branded nature and temporary. Telegrams have been sent to the concerned companies to rush stocks under intimation to this Ministry. Regarding shortage of 'blood products derived from human blood', the matter is under consideration with the Office of DC(I), as its manufacturing was suspended due to possibilities of positive AIDS viruses.

Setting up of industries in Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts of Andhra Pradesh

1422. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more industries in Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of the licences already granted to set up cement factories in these districts and the proposed investment therein;

(c) what are the details of the pending applications for industrial licences from these districts; and

(d) what are the reasons for which decision has not been taken yet on such applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During the period from 1-1-1986 to 31-5-1989, 69 proposals were received for setting up industries in Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts of Andhra Pradesh. Out of 69 proposals, 23 have been approved and letters of intent granted, 35 have been rejected/otherwise disposed of and the remaining 11 are at various stages of processing.

(b) During the period 1-1-1986 to 31-5-1989, 8 letters of intent and 1 industrial licence have been granted for setting up Cement Industries in Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh. No letter of intent or industrial licence has been granted for setting up Cement Industry in Karimnagar and Nizamabad Districts of Andhra Pradesh during the period 1-1-1986 to 31-5-1989. Details of investment are not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) The details of pending proposals are not divulged till the Government have taken final decisions thereon. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to dispose of all industrial licence applications as expeditiously as possible.

Setting up of industries by NRIs in Andhra Pradesh

1423. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the steps taken by Government for the setting up of industries in Andhra Pradesh by the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs); and

(b) what are the details of the industries already set up by the NRI's in Andhra Pradesh and the investments made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A number of incentives have been offered by the Government to NRIs for setting up of enterprises in all parts of the country. The salient features of these incentives are listed below:

(i) NRIs have been given the benefit of repatriation of capital investment and the income earned thereon to the extent to 40 per cent of the total paid-up capital of the project.

(ii) In priority industries the benefit of repatriation on capital invested and income earned thereon is permissible to the extent of 74 per cent of the total paid-up capital of the project. In non-priority industries also repatriation benefits on capital investments are available, provided the unit undertakes export obligation of minimum of 60 per cent of the output and a minimum of 75 per cent of the output in the case of industries reserved for small scale sector.

(iii) NRIs have also been given incentives for import of capital goods, components and raw materials for setting up industrial units in accordance with the Import & Export Policy, 1988—91.

(iv) NRIs investments are allowed for all activities except for real estate business or for agricultural and plantation activities.

Besides the bove incentives, the Andhra Pradesh State Government has set up A.P. State Non-Resident Indian Investment Corporation Ltd. (ANRICH) to exclusively assist NRIs in setting up of industrial as well as non-industrial projects in the State. An industrial estate in Medak District has been developed exclusively for Non-Resident Indians. A number of